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SUBJ: STAG PETER B. DOW

1. MR. & MRS. DOW ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED TUESDAY JULY 2.
2. PROGRAM PREPARED BY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC) SCHEDULED COMMENCE JULY 4 HAS BEEN ABORTED DUE TO INTERNAL DIFFERENCES AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
3. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCING ARRIVAL OF DOW DID NOT REACH FOREIGN MINISTRY UNTIL JULY 3, HAS NOT CARRIED OUT DOW'S PROGRAM. ON JULY 3 DOW MET WITH DIRECTOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CDC. FOR PRE PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON, OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HEADQUARTERS INDICATED THAT JOINT MEETING COULD NO LONGER PROCEED SINCE THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL OF VISIT FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL MOFA WHO INDICATED THAT POSITIVE RESPONSE TO EMBASSY NOTE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. FINALLY AFTER DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, JULY 8, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT FOOT DRAGGING REGARDING DOW'S VISIT BASICALLY A CASE OF MINISTRY HEADQUARTERS OFFICIALS DISCIPLINING DIRECTOR OF CDC BECAUSE HE DID NOT SEEK THEIR APPROVAL AND CONCURRENCE IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM FOR DOW. CONVERSATIONS FURTHER REVEALED

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THAT ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY APPARENTLY CONCURS IN VISIT,

HEADQUARTERS OFFICIALS NOT PREPARED TO ALLOW CONSULTATIONS
AND SEMINARS AS ESTABLISHED IN PROGRAM.

4. AS RESULT EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DOW'S VISIT BE FORESHORT-
ENED ALLOWING THEM TO PROCEED AS DESIRED TO NEXT STOP ON
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